

Poultry Pays Here.

An article in the Chicago Herald of recent date gives an account of how two young men of Maine were growing rich by making a specialty of raising young ducks for New York markets. We are at the gateway of the nation, with great (and growing greater) markets all around us. This "specialty or fancy" farming would prove a profitable thing for hundreds of people.

In the raising of poultry, this section is far ahead of any other section on earth, and so far as duck-raising is concerned, every one knows that the York and James river sections are the natural home and feeding ground for the wild duck. There are large duck-farms near Chicago, also on Long Island. Big money is being made out of the industry. Our climate is far ahead of Maine, Chicago or Long Island. Here the hens and ducks lay all the year around. We are just as near the large markets as Maine, and have the advantages of cheap transportation both by rail and water. We claim (and we think any person with good common sense will agree with us) that this section is way ahead of Maine for poultry raising. We want more poultry farmers. If some of our readers of the New England States would only visit us and see our many natural advantages, we know the majority of them would locate with us. If we only had a few hundred of the thrifty New England farmers located down here, we would see a great difference. How long is it going to take the people of this country to wake up, and realize the advantages of this section? The time is coming (and that not far off) when there is going to be a waking up, and at the same time there is going to be a waking up of prices and values. Now is the time to come—now is the time to dispose of your homes in the frozen North, and get down here on the ground floor. Don't put it off too long, now is the accepted time.

River Frontage.

(COMMUNICATED.)

A river front farm has a great many advantages and we will name a few of them as they appear to us on the Peninsula. The James river at this point, Williamsburg, is nearly five miles wide, and the York river about three miles wide. What would be finer than owning a farm fronting on either of these rivers? The banks are from twenty to forty feet high; never overflow and always dry. You could build your house so it would overlook the river, and you would be able to sit on your porch and see the steamers and sailing vessels pass your door. You want a mess of fish or oysters, there they are right at hand free. The James and York rivers team with the finny tribe affording excellent sport to the disciples of Isaac Walton. While working in the fields, plowing, dragging or at other labor pertaining to your farm, how refreshing to be fanned by the soft breezes charged with the saline particles of Old Ocean. In the evening when weary, tired and dusty,

what could better prepare you to fully enjoy nature's kind restorer, balmy sleep than a dip and plunge in the cooling stream, and sleeping the sleep of the contented, would arise in the morning invigorated for your daily toil and enjoy a daisy freshness. Nearly every river front farm has a dock or landing convenient to ship produce from. Wild duck shooting is good sport, in fact a river front farm is a regular pleasure resort. You live in a paradise. You can get all the enjoyment there is in life. You can own your own sail or row boat and get a great deal of pleasure in that way. The fisheries of both the James and York rivers are very valuable, and you could derive a fine revenue from that alone, either by working it yourself or renting it.

Winter Homes on The Peninsula.

A New Hampshire gentleman writes that the New England winters are very severe. This reminds us of our experience in the West with blizzard, snow storms, ice and long winters. There are hundreds of people in the North who are leaving that section for no other reason—well to do, intelligent people, but they do not improve their condition by going too far South. They jump from extreme cold to extreme heat. Consequently, an early return to their former home and a black eye to the whole South.

The winters here (with the exception of such winters as last) are delightful. Just enough frost to purify, enough snow to add variety and enough ice to tease our young folks who love to skate. It is considered very cold here by the natives when the ponds here have two to three inches of ice, which lasts sometimes as long as a week or ten days. We have seen several years here when grass was green the whole year round. With the exception of from two to three weeks stock graze in the marshes or on the public commons the year around. The summer heat is not so oppressive as in Michigan, and we seldom hear of prostrations from heat as in the North and West. This is because of proximity of great bodies of water.

We know of no more delightful place for winter, or all-the-year-round residence than on the Peninsula, especially near Williamsburg, or on the York or James rivers. There are fine old estates to be secured at reasonable prices which, with the expenditure of a little money, could be made beautiful and profitable. They overlook the James and York rivers, two of the most magnificent bodies of water on the continent. They are from two to three miles wide and the largest craft afloat may sail them. They abound in fish, (salt) crabs, oysters and clams. One could own his yacht or launch and have all the enjoyment, conducive to good health, that he needs. If he be fond of gunning, he has wild ducks, wild geese and snipe on the rivers, in the marshes (not the disease-breeding, fresh water marshes, when we speak of marshes we mean the salt marshes, making up from the rivers, which are both salt) that king of birds for sport, the sora; in the woods deer, turkeys, rabbits and squirrels. Any physician here will tell you this is a "distressingly" healthful section. It is an ideal winter or summer resort.

Mr. Arthur Denmead, a wealthy young Baltimorean, now one of our most liberal and progressive business men, has a

delightful summer residence on the James, four miles south-west of here. Mr. H. Monquitt, a wealthy New Yorker, has a country residence in the opposite direction, midway between Williamsburg and the York. He has a handsome home.

We invite men of means, for pleasure or business, to come here to see for themselves. That is the best way to decide the matter.

Beef Cattle in Demand.

To open the eyes of the farmers in this section as to the demand in Newport News for beef cattle, mutton, pork, etc., we publish the following from a Newport News paper. These are extracts from an article on the subject of beef and the beef trust. It shows that the meat dealers are compelled to buy of the trust, because there are no cattle to be had here. One firm says:

"We would kill our own beef if we could get it, but we often have trouble in getting the cattle."

Another firm says: "We buy all the cattle about here we can get. But we can't get much beef that way. If we had to depend upon Newport News for cattle we would be in a fix many a time."

If our farmers will only cultivate this fine market at Newport News, they would have a constant demand right at home for all they can produce in the way of stock. Every farmer ought to raise something to sell in this line, and it is a poor farmer who does not. Even our butchers here are forced to buy of the robber beef trust. Won't our farmers open their eyes to their advantages?

While our Northern friends are casting about for a home in a sunnier clime, why is it they do not look at the Peninsula? Here we have an admirable climate, beautiful rivers, every natural advantage, cheap transportation, home and foreign markets—in fact, everything needed to make a home pleasant and profitable. Our lands are good, and susceptible to a high state of cultivation, seasons long, no cyclone or blizzards, or hot winds, and seldom a drought. Hundreds of acres of good tillable soil, with oftentimes enough timber upon them to pay for them. A Northern gentleman was telling us yesterday that Mr. J. V. Taylor, of Michigan, who has just bought a 500-acre tract, had made \$1,000 on his investment. He has enough timber on his place to give him the profit. Why is it that the people of the West and North, always ready for a good investment, don't seize this, the greatest opportunity of their lives? If they will come and investigate for themselves they will see things as we do. There are chances here to make money, and some one is going to make it, too.

Cheap Rates From New York.

We are getting a great many letters of enquiry from our readers in the New England States. A great many say they are coming here, and ask for rates. The best way to come is by the Old Dominion Line of Steamships. The rate from New York to Old Point Comfort and return is \$13.00, good for 30 days. That includes your meals and berth. You can leave N. Y. at 3 p. m. and reach Williamsburg the next day at 4:50 p. m., making close connection at Old Point with the C. & O. R'y. It is a most delightful trip, along the New Jersey coast, and through the Virginia Capes. Come via the Old Dominion Line, Pier 26, North River, New York City.

Fine Shooting.

The shooting season is now on. Quail, wild ducks, geese, turkeys, deer, squirrels, etc., are here in great numbers. This is the sportsman's paradise. A person living here can have quail on toast, wild turkey stuffed with York river oysters, sweet potatoes (that are sweet potatoes) and a great many other fine things that you are unable to get in the North.

Chinese and Natives Quarrel.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Recent mail advices from Manila show the existence of much uneasiness among the Chinese residents of the city and suburbs, due to repeated riotous conflicts between the native Filipinos and the Chinese. One of the sources of friction appears to be the displacement of Chinese laborers for Filipinos on a considerable amount of government work. The transportation quartermaster discharged some 200 Chinese and filled their places with Filipinos, most of them Macabebees brought from the interior. The discharge of the Chinese is said to be due to their unwillingness to be shifted to various points where emergency work was to be done. In the suburbs of Binondo a party of Chinamen were attacked by native ladrones, and a pitched battle ensued, one of the Chinese being killed and several others wounded.

Emergency Rations Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Orders have been issued by the commissary department for the purchase of 75,000 standard emergency rations. This ration is only intended for the use of parties temporarily beyond reach of the line of communication, when it is impossible for them to get the regular army ration. The supplies in question will be purchased in New York and sent at once to San Francisco for use in the Philippines. A telegraphic report to the chief commissary here from Colonel Smith at Manila says that he has just finished an inspection of all storehouses at the American posts in Luzon and that everything is in excellent condition, troops receiving full rations, and every one is satisfied.

Four Wives in Baltimore.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Chief of Detectives Collier has received a telegram from Baltimore stating that Walter L. Farnsworth, the confessed bigamist now in jail here and who is said to have had 42 wives, is wanted in that city for marrying four women under the name of Sterling Orville Thomas. This is said to be his real name, and the prisoner does not deny it. Marie Larson of 718 Sixth street, Philadelphia, also thinks that she is one of Farnsworth's wives and has written Captain Collier to send her a picture of the bigamist. Her marriage took place a year ago.

Diphtheria Epidemic.

MALONE, N. Y., Oct. 31.—An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in the town of Constable. Three small children in the family of Frank Flury are dead and several other families are afflicted. The cases are now quarantined, and all the schools in the town are closed.

Chicago Drainage Canal.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—A big excursion down the drainage canal, the new waterway from the great lakes to the Mississippi river, to include governors, senators, national representatives and federal state and city officials, is planned by the sanitary district trustees for a week from today, and it is intended to be the final exhibition of the big ditch before Lake Michigan's waters are turned into it. Previous official trips down the channel are to be eclipsed by the magnitude of the approaching event, the trustees predict, and it is expected to arouse such enthusiasm for the canal among the national legislators and influential men of surrounding states that any opposition to the vast enterprise will dwindle into insignificance.

Two Men Burned to Death.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 31.—An electric spark from a switchboard at the Indiana Powder company's plant at Pontaine, this county, ignited some powder on the clothing of Samuel King and Alfred McBride, burning both to death. Dyke Overly was badly burned, but will recover. The men went into the motor-house of the plant contrary to orders.

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- No. 90. 200 acres. Price \$2,800. 80 acres in cultivation, balance in fine timber that is worth all they ask for the land. The soil is a chocolate loam on clay subsoil. This farm fronts on York River where the noted York River oysters are grown and where fish and game are to be had in abundance. There is a 2 story 8 room frame house built in 1860, a 2-story barn and other necessary out buildings. 6 miles from R. R. and 7 miles from steamboat landing, one and one-half mile to school, church, postoffice and store. Terms \$1,300 cash and balance in 12 months.
- No. 88. 542 acres. 100 acres are in cultivation and balance in fine timber that will cut at least 5,000 cords of wood and 500,000 feet of lumber besides several thousand chestnut and cedar fence post. It is no over-estimation to state that the timber on this farm will it cut, pay for the farm in full and a good deal more. The soil is a sandy loam on clay subsoil and very productive. This farm lies slightly undulating with navigable water on one side where wood and lumber can be shipped to any point desired. There is a fine new 2-story dwelling with 7 rooms all well finished, a new barn 30x40, 17 feet high, two corncribs with wagon sheds, etc., a fine young orchard, and the whole farm under a good wire fence. Only one mile from a town of 2,000 inhabitants with the best college and public school in Virginia. R. R. depot, churches, bank, factory, &c. Price and terms made known to purchaser or on application.

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